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RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants provide the present *Response* to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s) – including fees for net addition of claims – are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.